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Elk Point celebrates Canada Day 2000

Wasn't that a party? Elk Point and district celebrated the nation's 113rd birthday in fine style, with fun for all ages from 8 a.m. until the wee hours of July 2.



IN STEP WITH TRADITION -- A tiny jingle dancer keeps in step with a grass dancer at the Canada Day stage show. More Canada Day photos on Pages 2, 3, 4 and 6.

Canada Day started off bright and sunny in Elk Point, with the Chamber of Commerce crew manning the grills to provide a pancake-and-sausage breakfast for over 800 hungry visitors. The Lions and Lioness Clubs congregated at the arena grounds where bicycles, horses and floats lined up for judging before heading down the parade route, led by the RCMP Safety Bear. The Christian Community Church, with children in costume of many lands, won first place for the Canada Day Theme category, while the Elk Point Chamber of Canada, with a giant peace sign and wild-haired flower children, gave their own interpretation of "A Culture of Peace" for second place.

In the Adult Clubs and Organizations category, Elk Point Lioness, Leos and Lions Clubs, complete with shaggy-maned lion, placed first, donating back their prize money, with the beautiful purple and white Elks and Royal Purple float second.

Bicycles were divided into two age categories, with Cody White first, Tyson Moneta second and Zachary Mohyluk third in the 6 and Under group and Terri White first, Ashley Campbell second and Kaitlyn Roberts third in the Over 6 group.

Grace and Mindy Meger took the red ribbon in the

Horses and Riders, with Marie Meger placing second and the Stoney Lake Riders third.

Richland Oilfield Services placed first in the Industrial category, followed by the enormous entry from Shamrock Valley Enterprises and R & M Energy in third. The combined entry of Bear Den Gym, Home Town Grocers and Footprints was first in the Commercial category, with Servus Credit Union second and Elk Point Pharmacy third.

A long-finned white Cadillac convertible owned by George Capp and with vintage music pouring from its radio was first in the Antique Autos category, with Al McLeod's convertible, transporting MLA Paul Langevin and Mrs. Langevin, second and Henry and Roxie Botting's gleaming antique auto third.

A very imaginative entry complete with fishermen and fish boat from Danny Anderson's "Claw Hooks" won the Freestyle Individual honors, with Dino Meger second and Heaven on Earth third.

Then it was time to head for the arena, where eight tables of crafts and giftware offered everything from intricately crafted dreamcatchers to beeswax candle torches to barbed wire western wreaths, and to visit the Christian Community Church pie tent

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Community Pride

Ferguson Flats Community Assn. celebrates 50 years

Residents and former residents of the Ferguson Flats community celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the Ferguson Flats Community Association on Sunday, July 2, with five of the original members on hand to cut the ceremonial cake and enjoy reminiscing with the large crowd about the early days of the area.

Olga Ockerman, Olive Nelson, Gwen Nelson, Neil Nelson and Raymond Hammond were among approximately thirty individuals who gathered in November 1949 to form an association which would preserve the Fern Chapel School, built by the community's earliest settlers. The new Ferguson Flats School had just been completed, and Carl Nelson, Carl Ockerman and John Hillebrand were told

by the school board at that time that if they formed an organization, they could acquire the school which had been the heart of the community for 36 years, for use as a community hall.

Olga Ockerman took the minutes of that first meeting, in a 3¢ minute book and by the light of a coal oil lamp, and of many more in the years that followed. The association was incorporated in April, 1950, and later acquired not only title to the community's cemetery, but also that of the Ferguson Flats School when it was closed in 1957 and became the new community hall. A great homecoming in 1970, Christmas parties, whist drives, the annual picnic and many other functions have kept the community entertained ever since, and the

small, one-room school is still the heart of the community.

Mrs. Ockerman hopes that the younger generation will continue to preserve the rural history of this community. "I don't know how long [the association] will continue, but I hope the young people will keep it going." Only a few of the original members "are still with us. Many others are resting just a couple of miles from here" in the community-owned cemetery.

In recent years, Ferguson Flats has been very fortunate to obtain grants for such projects as new doors, a handsome new playground structure and most recently, new tables. However, they have not increased the size of the building or gone in debt for major renovations.

Entertainment began with a tribute to the area's primary

industry, agriculture, with the

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ORIGINAL FIVE -- Members throughout the whole 50 years of the Ferguson Flats Community Association who were present to cut the anniversary cake were (front, left to right) Olive Nelson, Olga Ockerman, Gwen Nelson, (back, left to right) Neil Nelson and Raymond Hammond.

Exuberant Elk Point celebrates Canada Day 2000

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for a tasty snack

The showers hit just as the Second Annual Canada Day Soapbox Derby got underway, but in the old tradition, organizer Dwayne Vogel and race secretary Sheila Nelson popped up their umbrellas and the show went on. Bret Flanders placed first, Brayden McGinnis second, Shea Stratford third and Lorne Blacklock fourth.

With clouds still threatening and the outdoor stage drenched, the afternoon show was moved into the arena, where semi-circles of chairs were quickly set up to accommodate a good crowd of spectators. Cubs Alex and Oliver Buck proudly held the Canadian flag as RCMP Cst. Jenny McDonald gave the ceremonial salute. Michelle Friesen led the singing of O Canada. To the side of the stage area, the Royal Purple prepared to cut and serve their mammoth Canada Day cake.

Mayor Ed Buck, "proud to be a Canadian," wished everyone a happy Canada Day and thanked the Canada Day Committee for their efforts which resulted in "an outstanding day." He presented a pair of

Millennium community achievement awards to two very surprised individuals, Sid Holthe and Vicki Brooker. The former is "a gentleman very active in the community, especially with the seniors," and spent many years with the education system, while the latter is "an individual involved in everything" from Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Forts to tourism.

MLA Paul Langevin chose to spend Canada Day in Elk Point, and congratulated the community on "celebrating Canada Day with pride. This is the best country in the world and I am very, very proud to be a Canadian."

Entertainment started off with the Beginners group of Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club, who charmed the audience with "Slavko the Music Man." Michelle Friesen offered the first of three outstanding sets of songs, singing Leanne Rimes' "Blue," followed by "When You Say Nothing at All."

Sisters Gabe Bayduza, Sue and Rita Bartholomew entertained with an original song by Gabe and Rob Holliday, "Give Me Oil," which saluted the oil industry,

and the lighthearted advice to "Enjoy Yourself, It's Later Than You Think."

Homer and Liz Poitras brought a group of exceptional young dancers to the show, with Liz providing commentary. "Our mixed blood gives us quite a few cultures to look at." Their first set focused on their First Nations heritage, with Corbin and Anthony portraying the fluid motions of the Grass Dance, and joined by a tiny jingle dancer and three shawled traditional dancers in a powwow dance. "Dance is a method of expression for the native people," Mrs. Poitras noted.

Michelle Friesen was back with "Fly," made popular by the Wilkinsons and "My Heart Will Go On" from the movie "Titanic."

Elk Point's newest musical group, "It's All Relative," gave their first public appearance, combining the Bartholomew/Bayduza sisters with their niece, Toni May for "Let It Be" and "May the Circle Be Unbroken," Rob Holliday joining in on "The Happy Wanderer."

The Poitras group was back with Metis dances, which Mrs. Poitras said were taken from the vari-



SYMBOLICALLY CANADIAN -- RCMP Cst. Jenny McDonald in her red serge prepares to salute the Canadian flag held by Cubs Oliver and Alex Buck.

ous cultures who make up the Metis people. For example, the Belt Dance is an adaptation of the Scottish sword dance, while the Broom Dance has the dancer's feet moving in the joined circles of the Metis infinity symbol. Jasmine and Jessie joined Corbin and Faron in the Red River Jig, with a few more family members joining in, feet unable to resist the lure of the lively music provided by Homer and Roland Poitras.

Rob Holliday sang "Green Leaves of Summer" from the movie, "The Alamo" and was joined by Gabe Bayduza on accordion for "When

My Blue Moon Turns to Gold Again" and heartrending original song, "After the Sale."

Michelle Friesen showed even more of her versatility with "Near You Always" by Jewel and "Homeward Bound."

Five lively and limber break dancers, Faron and Corbin Poitras, Lorne Gadwa, Anthony Cardinal and Evan Gadwa, spun, leaped and cavorted in this complicated style of dance.

Sue Bartholomew appeared solo to sing "Poor, Poor Pitiful Me," "No One Needs to Know" and "Your Love Amazes Me." She was joined by Toni May for two final

numbers, "Leavin' Louisiana" and "Light Up Your World," as the show drew to a close.

Canada Day chairperson and the afternoon's MC, Deanna Easthope, thanked all the entertainers and those who were entertained for their part in the afternoon.

Even more entertainment was on the schedule for the evening, as the Lions Club and the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department sponsored a double bandstand dance and beeffest. A fireworks display which could only be described as "just awesome" provided a fitting finale for a memorable day of celebration.

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from the FCSS DESK

Canada Day was great! Thank you, Elk Point!

By Deanna Easthope
FCSS Director

July 1, 2000, Canada Day celebrations in Elk Point were a day we remember as one of great community support. Thank you, Elk Point! The day began with the Chamber of Commerce Pancake Breakfast. To all the volunteers and supply supporters - a big thank you! The new location this year was very nice. Thank you, Credit Union.

The Parade... Thank you, everyone who entered the parade. It just wouldn't be the same if people didn't come up with ideas in putting the floats together. We sure do appreciate your creativity. Thank you. And no - it didn't rain on our parade.

The Soapbox derby: yes, there were four entries. The rain came just as the final winners were to be decided. But you raced anyway. Thank you, boys!

In the arena, Popcorn the Clown played a few games with the kids and then made balloon animals. A great enjoyment for the kids. Also in the arena, a few crafters displayed some interesting crafts. How did you do? I know I didn't leave without buying something. I can't forget the group behind the food booth counter trying to raise money for their trip to Italy and Greece. Thank you for doing this and thank you to all of you who purchased some food from them. Other food, in the form of great pies sold by the Christian Community Church were enjoyed by all beside the outdoor stage. Of course,

Many hands get job done

It took a lot of cooperative effort to get the pancake breakfast up and running smoothly. Approximately 800 people enjoyed pancakes, sausages and beverages thanks to the efforts of breakfast organizer Sherry Pelech and her crew, which in addition to those pictured, included Jayme Loge, Jordan Pelech, Marshel Pelech, Eugene Buck, Crystal Jacobson, Raye Ann Penner, Jerome Clavelle, Sharon, Roger and Ron Smith, Leona Bretzer, Ron Onusko, Harry Davidson and Vicki Brooker. Thanks, everyone, for your help!

the Canada Day cake by the ladies of the Royal Purple was great. Thank you, ladies.

The outdoor stage show was looking forward to beginning at 2 p.m. However, shortly before that time, a rain shower came and a decision was made to move the show indoors to the arena. Would you believe it stopped raining after we were set up? Anyway, a great show was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Oliver and Alex Buck for holding the Canadian flag while Cst. McDonald saluted the flag and Michelle Friesen sang O Canada. The audience then enjoyed the performances of the beginning group of Ukrainian dancers, songs by Michelle Friesen, dances by Homer Poitras' group, and songs by Sue Bartholomew and her guests. We were introduced to a new group: "It's All Relative," Great performances, everyone. Thank you, thank you!

In the evening, the

Lions and Firemen hosted great fun with an evening of dancing. Thank you for all your work at this even. At 11 p.m., the great fireworks were enjoyed by all. Thank you, Marshall Kachmar, for making sure Elk Point had fireworks to enjoy.



VERY IMPORTANT ORGANIZERS -- Canada Day Committee chair Deanna Easthope, fireworks fundraiser Marshall Kachmar and Committee secretary Sheila Nelson took time out to enjoy the pancake breakfast.



OUR COMPLIMENTS TO THE CHEFS -- Pancake chefs included (l-r) Lane Lorenson, Victor Stepa, Diane Balash, Danelle Brown, Don Brooker and (not shown) Gordon Kuhn and Mark Loge.



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of St. Paul, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Vladimir, Hahn Welding and Oilfield Services. We sure do appreciate all of you. Thank you, everyone!



CHOW TIME -- Servus Credit Union's Vic Baywell, Town Manager Myron Goyan and former Elk Point librarian Michele Ducek, home on vacation from her job in the Bahamas, serve up breakfast.

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Beauséjour is Past President and current Chair of the Board of the Canadian Psychiatric Association, and a Surveyor with the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation. He brings special interest and expertise in the integration of services between the community and health facilities.

Beauséjour will provide physician leadership and clinical direction in the development of provincial mental health programs.



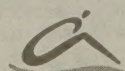
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ALBERTA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CANADA! Elk Point OORP members Lena Stepa, Irene Pilisko, Lois Sharek and Leona Moneta served birthday cake to the Canada Day stage show crowd.

■ Nutrition notes

Are you "labely" licensed to drive a healthy grocery cart?

By Chantal Dionne, Dietetic Intern
Elk Point Health Centre

Understanding label lingo is a good start toward healthier eating habits. In fact, as you make food choices in the grocery store, you are potentially setting up the eating pattern of your entire household for the next few days.

Here are some tips to guide you in your shopping. The two major sources of information on most food products are the "ingredient list" and the "nutrition information" panel.

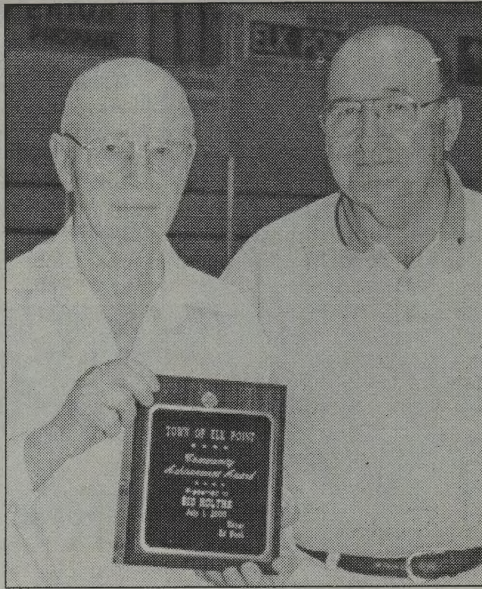
The ingredient list is compulsory in Canada and provides the product's ingredients in descending order based on their weight. With this information in mind, looking at the first three ingredients will give you a good idea of what the product is made of.

The "nutrition information" panel, on the other hand, is optional unless a claim is made. Its information is based on the suggested serving size and these values should be increased or decreased according to your own serving size. Use the "nutrition information" panel as follows:

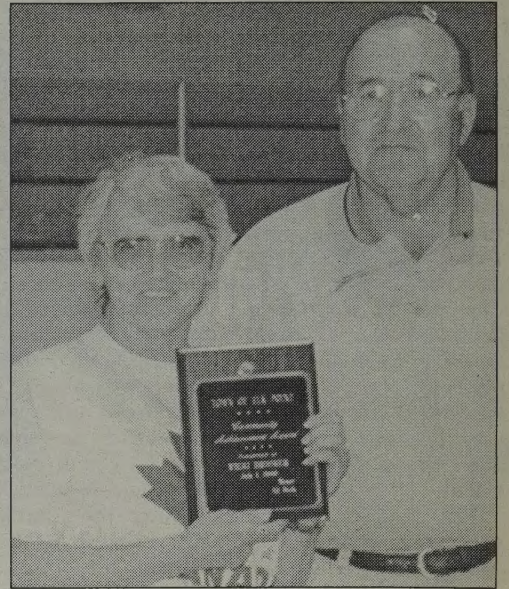
■ To choose lower fat products, compare the grams of fat per serving between products and try to select foods that contain three grams of fat or less per serving. In your search for the best product, be careful with claims like "cholesterol free." Only foods that come from animal sources contain cholesterol. Keep in mind also that foods made from vegetable sources like canola oil, even though free of cholesterol, are still very high in fat.

■ To increase your fiber intake and assist you in obtaining the suggested 25 to 30 grams of fiber a day, look for dietary fiber under "carbohydrate." You are making good choices if you get more than two grams of fiber per serving.

For further information contact a Registered Dietitian or Community Nutritionist.



TWO VERY SURPRISED VOLUNTEERS -- Sid Holthe (left) and Vicki Brooker were presented with Community Achievement awards from the Town of Elk Point by Mayor Ed Buck during the Canada Day stage show. The awards were a special Millennium project of the Town.



■ From the Legislature

Government annual report released for the fiscal year 1999 - 2000

By Paul Langevin, MLA
Lac La Biche - St. Paul

On June 29, 2000 the Government of Alberta released its annual report detailing our performance over the past fiscal year. And the results were clear, showing that Alberta was again leading the way in both fiscal responsibility and government accountability.

PAYING DOWN THE DEBT

Albertans have told us that paying off our debt is a number one priority and in 1999-2000 we made giant strides. In fact, we were able to make a record \$2.7 billion payment toward reducing our debt and increasing our financial assets.

That payment eliminated our net debt, making Alberta the only province in Canada that owns more than it owes.

The payment also reduced our remaining accumulated debt dramatically. We ended the fiscal year 1999-2000 owing \$12.5 billion. With further payments, our accumulated debt was approximately \$11.7 billion in June 2000.

Our efforts in repaying the debt since 1994-95 have permanently saved nearly \$800 million per year in debt servicing costs. That's money now being used to fund Albertans' priority areas like health and education.

INCREASED SPENDING IN PRIORITY AREAS

Significant spending increases were made in health and education to help meet the needs of all Albertans. In fact, health and education accounted for 60 percent of government program spending in 1999-2000.

This funding included the

hiring of at least 1300 more health care workers, investing in advanced medical equipment, increasing the number of long-term care beds and the construction and modernization of health facilities. This past year we invested nearly \$14.5 million every day in health care, an increase of nearly \$2 million a day over last year.

Students also benefited with nearly \$4.6 billion invested in learning. The major portion of this investment went to instruction and new programs that support student learning and access. Also, \$151 million was given to school boards across the province to erase accumulated debts and reward those authorities that have managed within balance budgets.

Additional support was provided to Albertans in need of assistance. More than \$300 million in emergency agriculture assistance was provided to Alberta farmers. Funding for children's services, seniors' programs and programs for the disabled was also increased.

TAX REFORM

Albertans' overall tax load remains the lowest in Canada and this Government has promised to keep it that way. In Budget '99, we introduced a new single rate personal income tax plan that was to be phased in over three years. In September 1999, we accelerated that plan by a full year to January 1, 2001.

And in May 2000, the Alberta Personal Income Tax Act was passed, with the tax rate set at 10.5 per cent of taxable income. The personal and spousal exemptions were raised to \$12,900. The plans

means 190,000 lower income Albertans will no longer pay provincial income tax. And collectively, Albertans will save \$1.3 billion a year.

In February 2000, the government reduced or eliminated more than 100 fees and charges, saving Albertans more than \$60 million per year.

JOB GROWTH

The number of jobs in Alberta grew last year by 37,900 new jobs. That's more than enough jobs to employ the entire population of Grande Prairie. This job growth was fueled by a strong economy. Our GDP grew by about 2.5 per cent in 1999. And this year our economy is expected to be even stronger, with growth of 4.5 per cent.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

As a government, we have made it a top priority to be open and accountable and to live within our means. We worked hard to balance our fiscal responsibilities with providing the services that Albertans need. In Alberta, we've struck the right balance between debt payment, priority spending and tax relief.

The 1999-2000 Government of Alberta Annual Report contains the financial statements and results of the government's performance measures. The entire report can be viewed on the Internet at www.treas.gov.ab.ca or, for a copy of the report, phone the Alberta Treasury information line (toll-free) at 310-0000, then dial 427-3035.

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community **NEWS****Voyageurs visit forts, Heinsburg on way to Batoche**

MODERN DAY VOYAGEURS haul their freighter canoe proudly bearing its pair of Metis flags up the trail to Heinsburg's campsite on July 8, when the brigade made an overnight stop in that hospitable community.

A group of modern-day voyageurs retracing traditional Métis routes between Slave Lake, Alberta and Batoche, Saskatchewan, visited Fort George and Buckingham House historic site and Heinsburg late last week.

The travelers, who make their homes in

Faust, Edmonton, Smith, East Prairie, Hobbema, MacLennan, Slave Lake, Jousard and Lac La Biche Alberta and Winnipeg, Manitoba, set out from Slave Lake on June 25 and expect to reach Batoche July 27.

Bev New and Trevor Gladue of Region 5, Métis Nation of Alberta,

brought thanks from the Métis Nation and chronicled their voyage so far. Gladue said the experience has been "fantastic and overwhelming." The hospitality they have received along their route "has given us inspiration... after hard days of traveling when we have dealt with a lot of emo-

tion. We will see life differently and walk a new path" after the journey.

The travelers plan to continue to preserve and promote the Métis culture even after their journey. "We are traveling through the eyes of our ancestors and want to take the time to write down our experiences," Gladue said, adding that the Fort George and Buckingham House site is on "a lot of significant routes."

Elk Point Mayor Ed Buck manned the barbecue to cook up buffalo burgers at Fort George and Buckingham House, as the Town hosted a supper for the voyageurs. He handed over the turner to Deputy Mayor Bill Schuhmacher while he welcomed the visitors. Born and raised in Heinsburg, Buck said he had grown up with the Native people and Métis "a part of my life. It's great to preserve historic values, and we're really happy to host your visit to Elk Point." Vicki Brooker brought greetings from the Elk Point Historical Society and the Friends of the Forts.

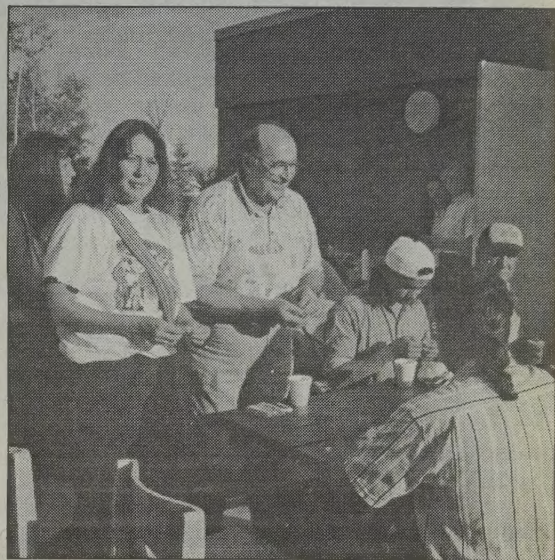
A number of local resi-

dents were on hand for the visit, with Arnie Price and Lane Scott offering some after-dinner music and joining the visitors for more songs around the campfire.

Saturday, the voyage continued as the contingent launched their canoes and traveled down river to Heinsburg. An excited group listened to music by Gordon Collins and Fred Brind as they eagerly awaited the brigade's arrival, and cheered as horns honked

on the bridge as the three canoes hove into sight. Heinsburg Community Club hosted a supper at the camp kitchen, which was followed by great down-home entertainment.

The voyageurs will continue their journey by canoe to Fort Carlton, SK before leaving the river to travel overland in wagons and two Red River carts crafted by Roy Scott of Heinsburg on the final stretch to Batoche.



MAYOR ED BUCK presents Town of Elk Point pins to Voyage Back to Batoche participants, including Bev New (left) of Region 5, Metis Nation of Alberta.

Stoney Lake rodeos on, despite Sunday's showers

Sunday's showers were ignored as rodeo fans filled the stands for the final performance of the 38th annual Stoney Lake Rodeo. Flags fluttered and horses pranced as the Stoney Lake Riders opened the afternoon with a colorful grand entry.

The rain had little effect on competitive spirit, either, with four of the event titles won on Sunday afternoon. Brent

Foster of Water Valley scored an excellent 78 on Les Trach's longtime favorite, Hot Chocolate, to outdistance Saturday's leaders Peter Dyck and Russell Schultz, who tied at 71 points apiece in the Bareback Bronc Riding.

It took a reride to do it, but Tyson Frank of Stony Plain also emerged victorious over Saturday's leader, Justin McVicar. Frank got the option of a reride when Rich Valley

declined to buck, and marked a 65 on his second horse of the day for the win in Novice Horse Riding.

Steer Wrestling was determined on Sunday, with both Steve Friend of Viking, with a 5.2 second run, and Scott Wyzykoski of Eckville, with the winning 4.3 seconds, moving well ahead of Saturday's top time of 7.0 seconds.

Sunday's fourth and final winning perfor-

mance was by Jenna Berreth of Edmonton, who circled the cloverleaf in 17.763 seconds to win the Junior Barrel Racing, over a tenth of a second ahead of Saturday's leader, Randi Sharpe of Holden with 17.895.

Sunday's competitors, however, could not get ahead of Mayerthorpe calf roper Daryn Knapp, who tied up his calf in 7.9 seconds, with local cowboy Matt Veer, also on Saturday, second with 8.6 seconds.

Saturday was also the winning day for Ladies' Barrels, with Carolyn Knapp of Mayerthorpe clocking in at 17.468. Lonnie Shulko of Smoky Lake was Sunday's closest rival, coming in at 17.652.

Team ropers Jesse and Cody Thompson of High River set the pace in that event with Saturday's 5.7 second run, with Lee MacMillan and Roy Anderson of Vermilion coming closest on Sunday with 6.3.

Both junior and senior Bull Riders found themselves totally outfoxed by the wily Trach bulls, with no qualified rides in

either event.

It wouldn't have been Stoney Lake Rodeo without the Steer and Stoneboat Race. This year's winning team, Kevin Drobot, Andrew Yaremko and Dan Tober, eventually emerged battered but victorious over the Jason Marcoux and Ron Heraid teams, and

gave the audience some great entertainment in the process.

Other local performers were the youngsters who hung on valiantly in the Mutton Busting and who gamely pursued some very speedy calves in the Calf Scramble, Matthew Tymofichuk and Natasha Scott winning the honors.



ELK POINT BARREL RACER Wendy Young leaned into the turn as she made her way through the cloverleaf pattern.



COLD LAKE COWBOY Malcolm Anderson takes on Roan Command.

community NEWS

A Canada Day 2000 album



JUST RACING IN THE RAIN earned prizes for (left to right) Lorne Blacklock (4th), Bret Flanders (winner), Brayden McGinnis (2nd) and Shea Stratford (3rd). Dwayne Vogel, centre, organized the Soapbox Derby and Sheila Nelson persevered through the shower to serve as race secretary.



ELK POINT AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB marked 30 years of community service with their float, which placed first in Adult Clubs and Organizations.



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BEST OF THE BIKES -- the winners in the Decorated Bicycles category of the Lions Club Parade were: 6 and Under - 1. Cody White, 2. Tyson Moneta, 3. Zachary Mohyluk; Over 6 - 1. Terri White, 2. Ashley Campbell and 3. Kaitlyn Roberts. All did a super job of dressing up their two-wheelers in celebration of Canada's 133rd birthday on July 1.



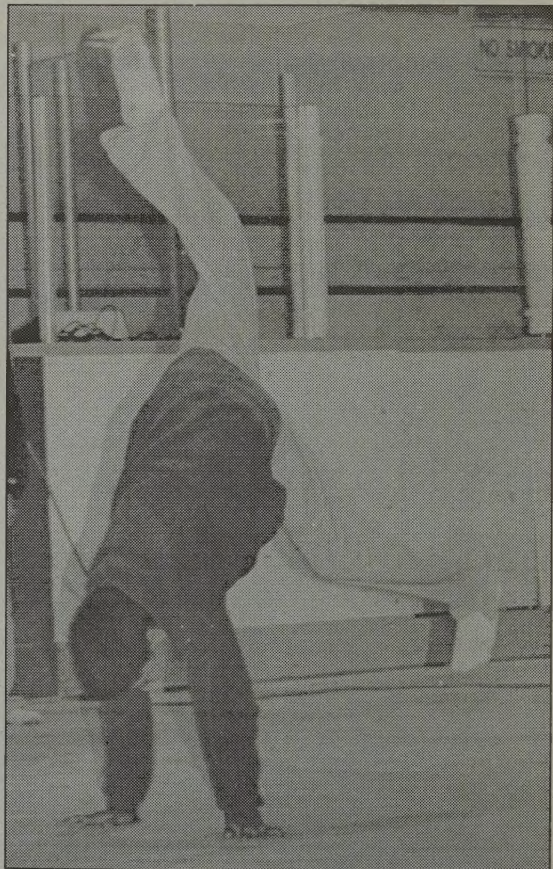
VOCALIST MICHELLE FRIESEN (right) showed her versatile talent in the stage show.



PEACE, MAN - "Chamber of Comics" President Eugene Buck was among the latter day flower children on this Canada Day Theme float.



POPCORN THE CLOWN and his little assistant Rosie clowned around with Elk Point's parade watchers on Canada Day, and later played games and with the youngsters and delighted them with a menagerie of balloon animals at the arena.



THE ART OF DANCE TAKES MANY FORMS -- with traditional Ukrainian dance patterns, left and the agile leaps and spins of Break Dancing, above, only two of the styles displayed on Canada Day.

community NEWS

Ferguson Flats Community Association celebrates 50 years

(Continued from Front Page) youngsters waving toy animals as they sang "At Ferguson Flats we have some farms", their own version of "Old MacDonald." Rita Bartholomew recalled how the settlers came to the area with "Wagon Wheels," and was joined by Sue Bartholomew, Toni May and Marge Heffernan to salute the pioneers with "May The Circle Be Unbroken."

Another facet of community life was 4-H, with present day 4-Her Amanda Zapesocki reading a history of 4-H in the area written by Elaine Babenek. Elk Point's first 4-H club was formed in 1965 and showed their calves in an outdoor arena where the Elks parking lot is today. The district show and sale was held outdoors at St. Paul Auction Mart with 69 steers averaging 800 to 900 pounds selling for an average price of 39¢ per pound.

Ferguson Flats youngsters have also been active in Ukrainian Dance, which started in 1979. Amanda, Michelle, Adam and

Nicholas Zapesocki and Addison Bartholomew, all present members of the Elk Point club, gave a brief demonstration.

Music was always very important in the community, and many well-loved musicians were remembered. Walter Saranchuk on banjo, Sue Bartholomew and Marge Heffernan on guitar and Gabe Bayduza on accordion were joined by vocalists Victoria Koppang, Hugh Thompson, Elaine Heffernan, Lorraine Muirhead and Rita Bartholomew for a medley of old favorites.

Mrs. Ockerman introduced one of her earliest students, talented poet Roma Hatchard, granddaughter of early settler Rex Hatchard. Ms Hatchard presented flowers and an engraved pen "to the best teacher I ever had" and recited poems dedicated to "Lindbergh, My Home" and "To a Very Special Teacher" as well as telling about her grandfather and her father, the first white baby born in the area.

Emma Pivato, whose

mother Peggy Hatchard was one of the first teachers at Fern Chapel, also has fond memories of Ferguson Flats, although she left the area at age 13. "It still stays part of us and I sneak back whenever I can."

Those who served in the wars were remembered, with Sue Bartholomew singing "The White Cliffs of Dover" in honor of those who served and those who stayed home and endured the loneliness and pain of war.

The Heffernan and Bartholomew families sang

"Amazing Grace" in remembrance of the many churches who held services in the area, and followed up with "Tumbling Tumbleweeds" and "Ragtime Cowboy Joe."

Gabe Bayduza spoke on the impact of industry, first the Canadian Salt Plant "which fed a lot of cows" and the oil industry, which has made a tremendous difference in the area. Gabe Bayduza, Sue and Rita Bartholomew sang "Give Me Oil," with words by Gabe Bayduza and Rob Holliday, and "Enjoy Yourself," with many join-

ing in.

Mrs. Ockerman thanked Ms Bayduza for organizing "an excellent afternoon, which could have been a rainy disaster," and thanked

everyone for their help behind the scenes. In true community spirit, "everybody has had a part" in the success of the anniversary gathering.



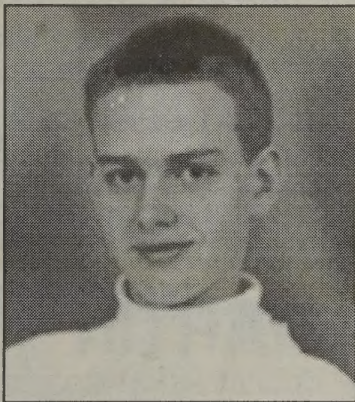
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CRIME STOPPERS

By Cst. G. P. Beardy
Elk Point RCMP Detachment

■ On June 24, 2000, the RCMP and the Frog Lake Fire Department responded to a complaint

Fire damages unoccupied house at Frog Lake

of a house fire at Frog Lake First Nations. As a result of the fire, the unoccupied residence sustained interior damage. There were no injuries and the fire is

currently being investigated by the Provincial Fire Investigator and the Elk Point RCMP. Cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

■ Some time between noon and 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 11 a

Simmental heifer was shot and killed. (Entry wound through the eye). The cow was pastured near Township Road 550 (Correction Road) and Range Road 75. This area has seen another cow killed last year and an

animal mutilation a few years ago.

■ Some time between Friday noon, June 2, and Saturday evening, June 3, 2000, a girl's Vagabond Trailblazer bicycle was stolen from the Elk Point Elementary School bike rack. The bicycle is purple in color and has the name "Trish" painted in blue on the handlebars.

■ Some time between April 14 and April 29, 2000, two cabins located on Moosehills Lake were broken into. Entry was made by removing a window at each of the cabins. In one cabin a Coleman 5000 watt, 10 HP portable generator was stolen. The generator is

green and black in color. The other cabin apparently was only missing some food items. Neither of the cabins received notable damage.

Anyone with information regarding any of the above incidents is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or the Elk Point RCMP Detachment at (780) 724-3829.

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Summer Reading Program is now up and running

By Carlen Mutch
SRP Coordinator

Well, it's time again for the Summer Reading Program. My name is Carlen Mutch and once again I am the SRP coordinator. You may remember me from last year but I don't know if that is necessarily a good thing. I hope that I see lots of kids because I have lots of fun stuff planned. Even if your kids are still scared from last year, bring them down (I'm still scared

from last year, too).

The program kicked off last week with the theme of aliens. On Monday, the younger kids read a story about aliens invading the earth and they were pretty amazed that aliens seemed to resemble pirates, generals and cooks. Who would have known? We played some games in the program room since it was raining (my curse must have been continued from last year) and then drew

some real life aliens which seemed to resemble the kids in the program. That didn't really surprise me.

The older kids on Wednesday actually got to go outside and play some games. I know that I'm getting old when they showed me a move in Red Rover to use that I've never heard about before. While discussing aliens, I found out that the older kids knew a little bit more about this subject and they informed me that

man had landed on Mars and brought back proof that aliens really did exist. Again, this really didn't surprise me. Maybe that's what keeps happening to all our librarians...

Summer Reading Program Hours and Times

Monday - Ages 4 to 7 - 1:30 to 3:30
Wednesday - Ages 8 to 11 - 1:30 to 3:30

Summer Library Hours

- starting July 1

Monday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday 12:00 noon - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 1:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday 12:00 noon - 5:30 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Seniors Tea

Even though it kind of rained on our parade, we still ventured forth to Sherry Pelech's cabin at

Muriel Lake. We had a fabulous time and the rain stopped long enough for us to inspect Sherry's wonderful garden. I would like to send a special thank you out to Sherry Pelech and Vicki Brooker for their dedicated time in organizing the seniors tea. They do a spectacular job in keeping us entertained. Thank you, ladies!

Parkview resident marks 100th birthday

Parkview resident Blanche Falconer celebrated her 100th birthday last Saturday with five generations of her family and friends.

Vic Baywell of Servus Credit Union was a special guest at the event, and presented Mrs. Falconer with a cake, embroidered cushion and a silver coin commemorating the 100th anniversary of credit unions in Canada.

Born in Iowa, Mrs. Falconer came to Canada in 1912 and to Elk Point in 1991, residing at Parkview since 1994.

Great-granddaughter Tina Hendrickson sang an original song she had written for the occasion.

Numerous certificates of congratulations were received from government officials in recognition of the occasion.



CENTENARIAN BLANCHE FALCONER is shown with daughter Mae Hendrickson and Servus Credit Union manager Vic Baywell, who presented gifts.

Wedding Announcement

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BROMLEY

Thank you to all who sent cards, flowers, food to our homes and donations to the WW Cross Cancer Clinic in memory of Charles Bromley.

Thank you to Dr. Ramful and the nurses at the Elk Point Health Centre for the excellent care given to Charles during his illness. Thank you to Caroline Yewchin and her staff for all the help during this trying time. Thank you to the honorary pallbearers and to the ladies of the Elk Point Seniors Centre for preparing the lunch. Thank you to Rev. Joep Langejans of the Elk Point United Church for performing the service and his compassion at this time.

Dina Leaf & Family
Daisy Binette & Family
Emma Lotsberg & Family

OBITUARY

MALACHOWSKI, Dan

On July 5, 2000, Mr. Dan Malachowski of Elk Point passed away at the age of 90 years.

He is survived by 3 brothers and 1 sister, John Malachowski of Elk Point, Stanley (Alice) Malachowski of Port Alberni, B.C., Andrew (Dorothy) Malachowski of Vancouver, B.C., Alice Palynchuk of Elk Point, also numerous nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Alex and Paranka Malachowski; 1 brother, Mike; 3 sisters, Kate, Mary and Jessie.

Funeral Service was held Monday, July 10 at 11:00 am at the Elk Point United Church, Elk Point. Reverend Ann McGrath officiated with interment in Elk Point East Cemetery, Elk Point.

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Midget girls going to Provincials in Didsbury, July 21 - 23

By Doug Bassett
Review Sports

Here's some great news: this past weekend the Midget Girls, coached by Dave Cousins, were in Irma playing in the Provincial round robin tournament. How did they do? Like I said, Great! Two years in a row the girls go to the Provincial final, and remember, last year's team won the silver medals. The girls won their first game over Provost 19 to 8, then in the second game, they were into the top of the fourth when the game was forfeited, but they still qualified to go to Provincials, held down south in Didsbury the weekend of July 21, 22 and 23. Dawn Lameman and Tori Warawa did a great job of pitching one game each.

The Bantam girls, coached by Donna Yaremkevich, hosted a provincial round robin on the holiday Monday, July 3, losing their first game, a real close one, by only one run to Edgerton. Then in the second game against Marwayne, Danielle Gardiner, one of their top pitchers, sprained her ankle on a diving catch in centre field, and this hurt the team not just with her pitching but with her bat as well, the girls losing and Marwayne going on

to defeat Edgerton as well, winning the zone. Losing was minor, the provincial experience was the big thing, most of these girls had never competed in provincials and will be back next season, planning on applying to host provincials.

As for the Sox, the provincial run has been a disappointing one. First we find out that because not enough teams entered provincials in our category, we could no longer host and were bumped up to the next level just to make enough teams to fill that level and even have a provincial round robin, the provincial final now going to Fort Saskatchewan. That was bad enough, but then the first weekend the Sox traveled to Edmonton, just scraping together nine players, and were defeated in three games, mainly because of a lack of experienced players, some players in their first provincial action and some personality differences between the Sox players and coaches and the man in blue, the Sox losing one of those games that they had been winning, by the way, before it finished.

Then, with the luck of the draw, grad falling on the second weekend, the round robin of July 1 when the team was in

Wainwright, all the players showed up in body but not in mind, the Sox losing another three games, the last one on Sunday a real heartbreaker in the bottom of the seventh after the Sox had held a 3 to 1 lead for almost all the game. Greg Zarowny pitched one of his finest games ever, striking out twelve batters.

Then again this past weekend, the team hosted at home and were all there in body and in mind, sorta, but something called confidence had left the team long ago, and without it they were unable to hit the ball, walk on, reach base by an error or even get hit by a pitch.

How else can you explain this. The Sox, after round robin play, sitting at 9 losses and one win. Their only win was their final game against Sherwood Park in the rain Sunday afternoon. Hey, maybe that's the answer, playing the games in the rain. Will

this qualify them for provincials? Tonight on the internet we will find out, when they post the scores of all the other teams across the province. We can keep our fingers crossed, but honestly, as a team, the Sox are toast, but some of the boys could still be picked up in the draft. Each team in provincials is allowed two pickups from teams that don't qualify. It would be nice for some of the veterans to play just one more time - Travis Brown, Preston Krankowsky, Benny Matthews, Greg Zarowny and Dustin Yaremkevich,

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